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April 28, 2017

Kris Monteith
Acting Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service Under Tariff

GN Docket No. 14-28; CC Docket No. 02-33; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Monteith,

Pursuant to the 2006 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*¹ and the *Open Internet Order*², Hot Springs Telephone Company, Study Area Code 482241, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's intention to cease offering broadband Internet access transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service, effective July 1, 2017. As such, broadband Internet transmission will only be furnished as part of a complete broadband Internet access service that the Company provides to its end users either through itself or its affiliate. Company makes this election on sixty (60) days notice as prescribed in the 2016 *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*.³

Hot Springs Telephone Company currently provides broadband Internet access transmission service pursuant to the terms and conditions of the National Exchange Carrier Association's Tariff No. 5. Presently the only customer of the Company's broadband Internet access transmission service is the Company's affiliate ISP. The Company has provided notice to its ISP affiliate via interoffice memorandum of its intention to cease offering broadband Internet access transmission service as a separate component of its Internet access service effective July 1, 2017.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the State of Montana Public Service Commission, the Governor of the State of Montana, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

¹ *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33 et al., Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

² *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, Para 460 and n. 1378 (2015).

³ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087, 3159, para. 193 (2016) (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathe A. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathe" and last name "Johnson" clearly legible.

Kathe A. Johnson
Treasurer
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Attachment



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To: Hot Springs Telephone Company

From: Kathe A. Johnson, Hot Springs Telephone Company

Date: April 27, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing of Broadband Internet Access Transmission and Consumer
Broadband-Only Loop Service

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Hot Springs Telephone Company provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Hot Springs Telephone Company provides broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Hot Springs Telephone Company will no longer offer its broadband Internet access transmission service under the NECA tariff, and will no longer offer wholesale broadband Internet access transmission as a separate standalone component of broadband Internet access service. On and after July 1, 2017, broadband Internet transmission service will only be available to end user customers in conjunction with the Company's retail broadband Internet access service offering.

Sincerely,

Kathe A. Johnson
Treasurer